



# Vacancy Announcement

## West Africa Food Security Consultant

**OPENING DATE:** February 21, 2014

**CLOSING DATE:** February 28, 2014

**LOCATION:** Cotonou, Benin

**WORK HOURS:** To be determined

**SUPERVISION:** Country Director

**LOCAL HIRE:** Service Contract (short term contract without benefits, not to exceed one month, may include travel if necessary)

**CONTEXT:** The West Africa Regional Food Security Partnership is a regional partnership between USAID and Peace Corps to support synergistic food security programming opportunities between four West African Feed the Future (FTF) Focus Countries: Mali, Senegal, Ghana, and Liberia; and non-presence countries in West Africa with Peace Corps programs: Benin, Gambia, Cape Verde, Sierra Leone, Togo, Guinea, and Burkina Faso. The Food Security Consultant will work under the overall programmatic guidance, reporting and oversight of the Sahel and CWACA Regional Advisors. Daily supervision will be provided by the Country Director of Benin.

This program builds community capacity at the grass-roots level to strategically respond to food insecurity vulnerabilities such as food shortages and price increases. Working together, USAID/West Africa (USAID/WA) and Peace Corps leverage investments in training and capacity building in multiple West African countries to extend benefits across the region. This project further standardizes training and programmatic foci for volunteers in multiple countries and enable Peace Corps staff and volunteers to train and support community partners and service providers in the improvement of food production cultural and management methods, utilization to improve nutrition, and development of food security-related agricultural businesses. FTF activities target crops and commodities traditionally controlled and produced primarily by women.

### **DUTIES:**

- a. **Technical support:** Provide technical support to the WAFSP Coordinator to assist the program in identifying area experts and resources and opportunities for technical exchanges and trainings.
- b. **Planning:** Assist WAFSP Coordinator with the development of a training plan for FY14 and FY15.
- c. **Reinforcing the technical expertise of Peace Corps staff working in Food Security:** Assist the WAFSP Coordinator to identify needs for technical training, and identify opportunities for meeting these needs.

### **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applicants must be Beninese, American or third country nationals who have:

- a. **Education:** A university degree in education, international development, community/international development, social work, health, small business development, agriculture, natural resources is preferred.
- b. **Prior Work Experience:** Two years of progressively responsible experience, in the employee's field of specialty, including experience in the development of plans and the

analysis and evaluation of data and in the presentation of findings in written or oral form is required. Experience managing large program budgets also preferred.

**c. Language Proficiency:** Level 4 (fluent, speaking/reading/writing) French and Level 4 (fluent – speaking/reading/writing) English is required.

**e. Job Knowledge:** Must have knowledge of the current actors, theories, and overall technical context of food security programming in West Africa. Prior knowledge and understanding of the Peace Corps philosophy and goals as well as procedures (recruitment, training, financing, budgeting, assignment, separation) and USG laws, regulations, and policies relevant to those procedures is preferred. Knowledge of USAID project monitoring, evaluation and reporting is also preferred.

**TO APPLY:** Submit a cover letter that clearly indicates the daily rate required, accompanied by your CV **listing three traceable references**. Applications will only be accepted in English and via electronic mail at [jobs@bj.peacecorps.gov](mailto:jobs@bj.peacecorps.gov) - **be sure to indicate position in subject title**.

All applications must be received via email at [jobs@bj.peacecorps.gov](mailto:jobs@bj.peacecorps.gov) 5pm February 28, 2014. Only short listed candidates will be contacted. Writing, language and computer skills may be tested as part of the interview process.

All education and experience must be met by the closing date of this vacancy announcement. Security Certification requirements must be met before engagement. Certified copies of degrees earned, certificates, essays and awards that address the qualification requirements of the position as listed above may be required upon selection.

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